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Sri MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : May I know, when a car is allotted to any individual Minister, whether there is any stipulation that he should use it for a certain period, unless it is declared unfit for the use of the Minister earlier?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : Standards have been laid down. The cars should have done a running of 50,000 miles. As a matter of fact, most of the cars have done a running of about 70,000 miles. The car of the Minister for Industries might have done a running of more than a lakh of miles.

Sri MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : When a Minister lays down office or his term of office expires, how is the car disposed of? Is it sold by public auction?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : If it can still be used, it may be passed on to the successors of the Ministers.

Teleprinter factory

*78 Q.—Sri T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state whether the Government have been consulted in the matter of location of Teleprinter factory at Guindy, Madras?

The Hon. Sri R. VENKATARAMAN : Yes, Sir.

Sri T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Is this factory for manufacturing parts or for manufacturing teleprinters?

The Hon. Sri R. VENKATARAMAN : It will also be for manufacturing parts of teleprinters. In the first stage, it will be assembling parts, and in the course of two or three years, we will start manufacturing teleprinters.

Sri T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Is it a Government of India undertaking or a State Government undertaking?

The Hon. Sri R. VENKATARAMAN : It is a Government of India undertaking.

Sri MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : May I know the capital amount involved in setting up this factory and the number of sets which are likely to be produced in the first or second year?

The Hon. Sri R. VENKATARAMAN : We do not know the capital structure of this company, but we will make roughly two to three thousand units to start with, and then it will progressively increase.

Sri T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Is there any provision for training apprentices in this factory?

The Hon. Sri R. VENKATARAMAN : Yes, Sir. It will be part of the scheme. But I want to correct the answer given to the previous supplementary question. To start with, it will be 176 and it will go to 1,226 machines in the course of two or three years.

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SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : May I know whether the production is for internal consumption or is there any possibility of exporting a part of it?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : It is just counting the chickens before they are hatched. We have not even started the factory yet.

Powerlooms

* 79 Q.—SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industires be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is any proposal to introduce powerlooms in the place of handlooms in the State ; and

(b) if so, the procedure for such replacement?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (a) & (b) Sir, it is proposed to introduce powerlooms up to a certain percentage in Weavers' Co-operative Societies, if requested by the Societies. Such introduction does not involve replacement but will constitute an addition to the existing looms.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Then, who will be working on these looms?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : The members of the co-operative societies.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : The existing members only will go to work on the powerlooms that would be introduced. That means that it is only replacement of the present ordinary handlooms?

THE HON SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : I may explain it in a little detail. If a co-operative society has, say, 100 or 200 looms, we may allow up to 10 per cent of power looms, i.e., 10 or 20 powerlooms. And for running these 10 or 20 powerlooms, we will take in ten or twenty workers who have been trained to work on powerlooms. They will become members of the co-operative society and they will earn their wages. The idea is that profits that accrue out of the use of these powerlooms should be distributed amongst all the members including the old members of the co-operative society.

SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Has the Hon. Minister considered the fact that by the introduction of powerlooms a number of people would be thrown out of employment?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : That has been an age long conception, but fortunately disproved by the development of industry all over the world. Automation and mechanization has not brought about unemployment in other countries but has opened up new avenues of employment.